

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (April-June 2010)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 04/02/10, 7pm, 30 min

Three South Hadley teens set to be arraigned today on charges that they bullied Phoebe Prince have opted to waive their court appearances.

Greater Boston, L 05/07/10, 7pm, 30 min

Dorchester's Jeremiah Burke School is among the state's 35 chronically underperforming schools. The school once lost its accreditation in the 1990s and headmaster Lindsa McIntyre says more than half the school's population is special ed and ESL kids. If the school can't turn itself around in three years, the state will be forced to take over.

Greater Boston, L 05/09/10, 7pm, 30 min

Design Squad, a series aimed at 9 to 12-year-olds, borrows from the reality competition format and intends to get its viewers excited about engineering. Two teams of high school students (ages 16-19) design, build and test whimsical machines and innovative products for real clients.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 04/02/10, 7pm, 30 min

To help celebrate its 30th season, This Old House is back in Boston, renovating a foreclosed 1870s Second Empire in Roxbury. According to Mayor Menino, Roxbury is part of the city's "ground zero" when it comes to home foreclosures.

Greater Boston, L 04/14/10, 7pm, 30 min

Perched on the shore of the Columbia Point peninsula and surrounded by institutions and commercial property, Harbor Point is one the Boston's most picturesque, yet isolated neighborhoods. Now that a key piece of land has been bought by UMass, residents are wondering whether they'll ever be connected to the rest of the city.

Greater Boston, L 06/03/10, 7pm, 30 min

The Paramount Center reopened in March after a \$92 million renovation, which includes the 590-seat Paramount Theatre, the flexible 150-seat Black Box Theatre and the 170-seat Bright Family Screening Room.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 05/05/10, 7pm, 30 min

Massachusetts House lawmakers have approved a proposal to charge prison inmates \$5 a day. Supporters say it's a way to help ease the state's financial burden. Opponents say it will make it harder for prisoners to get a foothold in society when they are released and could drive them back to a life of crime.

Greater Boston, L 05/11/10, 7pm, 30 min

A rift is growing between Gov. Patrick and police unions. Police are upset with Patrick's decisions to defund the Quinn Bill and replace police details at construction sites with civilian flaggers.

Greater Boston, L 05/21/10, 7pm, 30 min

Emily Rooney interviews the ex-girlfriend of Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 04/01/10, 7pm, 30 min

A new law banning doctors from accepting gifts from pharmaceutical companies is costing restaurant owners thousands of dollars in lost sales.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, L 06/22/10, 7:30pm, 30 min

The son of immigrants from Lebanon, Ralph Nader founded or organized more than a hundred civic organizations across the United States. Over the last five decades he fought to protect Americans and played a key role in the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Freedom of Information Act and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Greater Boston, L 06/22/10, 7pm, 30 min

The Massachusetts Independent Contractor Law requires companies to only hire independent contractors for jobs that are "outside the usual course of the business of the employer." Some say the law is burdensome to freelance workers.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 04/01/10, 7pm, 30 min

House Speaker Robert DeLeo today released his proposal for expanded gaming in MA, with 2 resort-style casinos and slot machines at the state's 4 struggling racetracks.

Greater Boston, L 04/08/10, 7pm, 30 min

Rep. Michael Capuano says the Democratic Party is "screwed" if it doesn't realize how angry the American public is. With the health care debate over, Congress must work on jobs.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, L 04/28/10, 7:30pm, 30 min

In this conversation with María Hinojosa. Sanjayan, who was born in Sri Lanka and raised in Africa, talks about poverty alleviation and nature conservation, and how each is inextricably linked.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 04/15/10, 7pm, 30 min

A team of scientists get up close and personal with a pod of about 40 right whales feeding in Cape Cod Bay.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, L 04/18/10, 7:30pm, 30 min

In this episode of One-on-One, María Hinojosa talks with John Francis, the founder of the nonprofit organization Planetwalk. Dedicated to raising environmental consciousness, he stopped using motorized

transportation, and for 22 years he walked over 20,000 miles throughout the United States and Latin America. Francis serves as a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Environment Program and writes pollution regulations for the Coast Guard.

Greater Boston, L 06/04/10, 7pm, 30 min

Baby eagles - or eaglets - were banded on Monday in an effort to track and collect data about the bird. A gold band fitted around the left leg tracks the eagle for the state; a silver band fitted around the right leg tracks it for the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Blood & Guts: A History Of Surgery, N 04/01/10, 9pm, 60 min

Today, astonishing surgical breakthroughs are making face transplants, limb transplants and a host of other cutting edge operations possible. But getting to this point has been an extraordinary story of bravery. Blood and Guts: A History of Surgery shows us the latest surgical techniques, giving a greater understanding of the body, and revealing how science progressed in the courageous pursuit of knowledge.

Greater Boston, L 04/15/10, 7pm, 30 min

Six insurance companies head to Suffolk Superior Court this morning, looking to invalidate the denial of proposed rate increases averaging 8 to 32 percent.

Greater Boston, L 05/27/10, 9pm, 30 min

Journalist Gail Sheehy's new book, *Passages in Caregiving*, outlines the road that awaits caregivers and gives practical advice to help them on the journey. Sheehy played caregiver to her husband, New York magazine founder Clay Felker, who suffered with cancer for 17 years before dying in 2008.

VII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 04/12/10, 7pm, 30 min

Small business owners discuss how the new health care law will affect their livelihood.

Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One, L 05/02/10, 7:30pm, 30 min Majora Carter pioneered green-collar job training and placement systems in one of the most environmentally and economically challenged parts of the US. In this conversation with María Hinojosa, Carter discusses environmentally and economically sustainable business solutions for communities in need.

Greater Boston L 05/13/10 7pm, 30 min

New federal restrictions on commercial fishing in the Northeast went into effect on May 1, require increased monitoring and limit the catch commercial fishermen can take on cod, haddock, and other local ocean fish. Fishing communities say the new rules will devastate small-scale fishing operators.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston L 04/05/10 7pm, 30 min

At Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square a prominent cardinal voiced support for Pope Benedict XVI and referred to the recent allegations of clergy sexual abuse as "petty gossip."

House Of Life: The Old Jewish Cemetery In Prague N 04/09/10 10pm, 60 min

Narrated by Claire Bloom, House Of Life: The Old Jewish Cemetery In Prague chronicles the story of this historic burial ground, rich in lore, mysticism, tradition and philosophy, and the site of layer upon layer of buried members of the once-vibrant Jewish community of the Ghetto.

Greater Boston L 04/27/10 7pm, 30 min

In her new book Einstein's God: Conversations About Science and the Human Spirit author Krista Tippett asks leading scientists and physicians about their spirituality. Tippett interviews several scientists such as Darwin biographer James Moore and TV personality Dr. Mehmet Oz about their religious beliefs and how they reconcile their faith with their scientific backgrounds.